

Indiscriminate exploitation of *Epinephelus diacanthus* juveniles at Mumbai

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New Ferry Wharf is one of the major fish landing centres of Mumbai and 80-100 trawlers operate daily from here. On 13th May 2011, large numbers of juveniles of *Epinephelus diacanthus* was landed at the New Ferry Wharf (Fig. 1). On an average, each boat landed 700-800 kg of juveniles over a period of 3-4 days. Landings of juveniles of *E. diacanthus* of this magnitude was a rare phenomenon. The size ranged from 70 to 100 mm in total length.



Juveniles of *Epinephelus diacanthus* landed at New Ferry Wharf, Mumbai